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Recipient: City and County of Honolulu and Government Officials Whom Have Authority over
Fireworks Laws

Letter: Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Honolulu City & County; Honolulu
Fire Department; Those with authority over fireworks laws

Lift the ban on Consumer Fireworks!

What are consumer fireworks? - Consumer fireworks are those fireworks
engineered for use by the general public. They include your average fountains,
spinners, ground bloomers, red whips, morning glories and even your plain old
SPARKLERS. They are ALL now illegal on the island of Oahu.

Summary

The ban is unjust, takes away our freedoms, demoralizes our spirits, stifles and
crushes our family, local, and cultural traditions. It is a blow to retailers and also to
the pockets of consumers and may even be self-defeating of its purpose due to the
fact that consumers can no longer buy the safer, less smoke-causing versions of
firecrackers. Please help us in our efforts to lift this ban or come to a new
agreement with the state over consumer fireworks.

I appreciate any support you give in this matter.

Sincerely,

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
TaraMarie Panoke	Haleiwa, HI	2011-12-28	Because the ban takes away the freedom to celebrate, the freedom to continue my family and culture traditions.
Sharla B	Mililani, HI	2011-12-28	My Birthday is on New Years Eve, I miss the action
Scott Brandao	Haleiwa, HI	2011-12-28	Kids can't even play with sparklers anymore? That's ridiculous. Yet the state allows the use of the old-style of firecrackers, the ones that burn more smoke and catch fire. Good going City & County.
James Keopuhiwa	Las Vegas, NV	2011-12-28	New Years Eve Celebration is one day out of the year that makes Hawaii different from the rest of the states. Plus the smoke does not last long. As the saying goes "Glad live in Hawaii" tropical breeze that blows all that smoke away! don't take that away from Hawaii! It is Hawaii's way of celebration. Keep it going!
James Go	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-28	I believe in maintaining tradition and culture. Just one thing though TaraMarie, the ban is actually only on Oahu for now so you may need to adjust your information about the petition section. Thanks.
Gabriel Lau	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-28	bring back the tradition!!!
DENNIS M.	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	It's a tradition, bring it back Gov.
Dale Gapusan	Mililani, HI	2011-12-29	Need to bring back the tradition our children can enjoy for years to come. 2 days out of 365days is not a big deal. This will be going on my fb link
Desiree Glaspell	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	fireworks are a national tradition, our family tradition is to bring in the new year with a bang!!! let us be free and our keiki enjoy the same tradition!
Pomai Matsuura	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	Having and popping fireworks is tradition in oahu and it has been for many years. It's taking away beliefs and freedom. Dont we have freedom? From the looks of it not being able to pop fireworks is taking away some of our freedom and happiness
shane Hrata	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	I feel that the fireworks ban is unnecessary because the choice is yours weather u want to purchase the fireworks and use them. There fore the risk is yours and the government should not have to take away the right of the public have fun and have with family members. for example look at peoples faces when they play with fire works they enjoy it so GET RID OF THE FIREWORKS BAN u d-bags
Kaile Costa	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	this ban taking business away from places, clear evidence of that is that their was a 15% drop in permits being sold.
Michael nagata	mililani, HI	2011-12-29	Tradition!!!
Keiho Nakgawa	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	This ban is just wrong!
Jack Salvador	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	It's been a family tradition for me (and many others) for as long as I can remember and then some. I don't understand this at all...a ban on Sparklers?? This is just crazy.
THOMAS MCCANDLESS	WAIALUA, HI	2011-12-29	There are other ways to resolve this then a complete ban. Politicians need to the job they are paid to do and listen to the people, and find other ways then a complete ban on a Hawai'i tradition. They take the land, rights, now tradition. Whats next? On our way to communism?

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Roseanne Ranada	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	<p>I'm signing this because fireworks have been a part of my childhood and my family and I enjoy popping fireworks together on New Years Eve 'till New Years morning. It's a tradition here on the islands and it saddens me that it is being taken away from us. Yes, there is the reds which you can pop with a permit, but each member of the family can't pop THAT. What about the sparklers and the ground bloom fireworks or the harmless smoke fireworks?</p> <p>Banning fireworks shouldn't have the solution for all the fires that have started. How about fining those that use it incorrectly or some other sort of "SAFE" compromise. Those who complain about it being a health issue then why don't they wear smoke masks or go inside of the house?</p> <p>And exactly how many fires were started by fireworks on New Years Eve anyway? How about giving the public facts and reasons as to why this ban was even created!</p> <p>Now that fireworks are banned people are going to be looking for something else to do. I noticed that more drinking is going to be done. Since fireworks are banned would people be up to no good?</p> <p>As long as people don't do anything dumb when popping fireworks then they should be safe. There should be adult supervision at all times. I hope the state takes away this fireworks ban and return the tradition & culture, and one of the fun activities that families did together. Hearing the firework noises once it reaches midnight... to me that is a BEAUTIFUL noise. We know when it is New Years and no one can compare to how the people in Hawaii celebrates. :)</p>
kanoe olds	waimanolo, HI	2011-12-29	<p>it's been my pastime. i want to continue to share it with my kids. and one day with their kids as well. i know more people than me feel the same. so bring back the FIREWORKS!!!! thank you very much. aloha.</p>
Dwain Masek	Kapolei, HI	2011-12-29	<p>I am signing because our elected officials are not listening to the majority of the people. this means you carlisle... you too Abercrombie...</p>
Frances Cablay	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	<p>There is no enjoyment in celebrating the new years. It's like we are not welcoming the new year.</p>
SHAN K.	WAIANAE, HI	2011-12-29	<p>THIS IS TRADITION TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG !!! SPARKLERS, FOUNTAINS, FIRE CRACKERS !!!</p>
Marlon Ibera	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	<p>Fireworks on New Years Eve is Tradition. Many in Hawaii LOVE fireworks, many bring in the New Year with a BANG! Lets be honest, I'm pretty sure many would rather use fireworks on New Years eve, rather than Independence Day. Bring back fireworks, even for at least New Years Day, when Majority of Hawaii uses them.</p>
Briahnnna Kameenui	Mililani, HI	2011-12-29	<p>It is a tradition for majority of the locals here on oahu to pop fireworks. It would be unjust for them to take away our fireworks.</p>
Jeremy Zern	Houston, TX	2011-12-29	<p>I don't live on Oahu, but I don't agree with a ban on something as simple as fireworks. Considering there is not a drought going on, and water is easily accessible.</p>
Lee Hayamoto	waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	<p>Popping fireworks has always been and should remain LEGAL for Hawaii as this is what is a part of what sets our islands apart from the rest of the United States and the world!</p>
Jus Kane	mililani, HI	2011-12-29	<p>cuz the fireworks band was BULLSHIT</p>
Rodrigo Saoit	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	<p>TO BRING BACK THE JOY THAT FIREWORKS ARE MEANT TO GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY!!!</p>

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Marshall Lum	Mililani, HI	2011-12-29	going be one boring new years... saved me money but its only once a year... ban alcohol instead it killed more people during new years and through out the year more than fireworks. Its been tradition.. we live in HAWAII not the mainland.. looks like the 2 white boys running our state dont know the local roots. TIME TO VOTE THEM OUT! and put some local roots into running HAWAII.. Im voting for the ASIAN next time..
Charles Ramiscal	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	New Years with out popping fireworks is like watching a movie without the picture. It just feels wrong
Randy Nozaki	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	Fireworks is a tradition in hawaii!!!
Isaac Fujimoto	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	Because there's going to be a generation that will grow up without experiencing the joy of playing fireworks on New Years Eve and that's not fair to them.
CHRISTINE FERREIRA	KAPOLEI, HI	2011-12-29	I THINK THAT THEY WENT TOO FAR WITH THIS BAN. FIREWORKS AT NEW YEARS BRINGS IN GOOD LUCK AND FUN AND ENJOYMENT FOR EVERYONE. DON'T LET SOME BAD SEEDS RUIN IT FOR ALL WHO DO IT SAFELY AND CORRECTLY.
Grace Sato	Pearl City, HI	2011-12-29	It has always been a tradition in our family to light fireworks. It is fun for the children and the adults, it's a time when everyone gets together and enjoy themselves.
Dennis Dasalla	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	New Year's eve isn't the same without fireworks :(
Linda Kaneshige	Mililani, HI	2011-12-29	May be too late for 2012 but I sure want to have fun in 2013! Also no fireworks mean people will drink more and inevitably drive drunk. I think firecrackers make for great family fun as long as they are handled safely. It's part of our culture
Roger Kiyota	Waianae, HI	2011-12-29	they took away a tradition families share on a special day.
Danny Teixeira	Waianae, HI	2011-12-29	Because i have ground up celebrating the our indipendence and the coming of the new year with family and friends, wanted share with my children and now we cant. This happens only twice a year, bring our tradition back.
Eric Ostermann	Ocala, FL	2011-12-29	Let everyone at least us use the fountains, sparklers, and spinners. They are not even that dangerous compared to any type of firecrackers .
sean perreira	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	Because fireworks is a part of hawaii culture growing up!!!
Tracey Rosa	Ewa Beach, HI	2011-12-29	Popping fireworks on New Year's Eve is a tradition in Hawaii. Taking away this tradition is like taking away a part of our culture. That's not right.
Justin Edralin	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	I am signing this because people will might actually be creative and create more deadly fireworks than ariels. I mean come on, really? Banning consumer fireworks? Even Sparklers? I know fireworks maybe a threat to some people but its our tradition to pop fireworks. Some of us have beliefs that popping fireworks will scare the bad spirits away, and now since the government has banned fireworks, people might want to come to Hawaii because of the belief that evil spirits are lingering the island of Oahu. Fireworks is a symbol of freedom. Now that fireworks have been banned, this island will be as not as happy in bringing the new year and a fresh new start. I really hope that the government will chance their mind to unban fireworks.

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chad nelson	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	it's a part of hawaii's culture...bring it back!
Jamie Leong	Waimanalo, HI	2011-12-29	I believe we should let our future children experience the fun we had as children. Tradition.
Dariane Kauhane	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	New years isn't new years without fireworks!
William Palumbo	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	Because the ban on consumer fireworks is a TOTAL joke. Almost all the issues we have year after year is due to illegal aeriels, and yet you just keep on restricting the ones that dont hurt anyone.
Ray Kaneshige	Pearl City, HI	2011-12-29	<p>This ban is undemocratic. The amount of people who enjoy and benefit from fireworks far outweigh the amount of people who don't. This ban destroys many traditions that many local people have had during New Years. The ban also hurts local businesses that sell fireworks. It's proven from the sales of fireworks from this past Independence Day(while the ban was in effect) were significantly lower than in previous years. Sure, people were able to purchase permits which allowed them to buy fireworks, but the permits were available too early and weren't available late enough. I also don't understand how people who "don't like all the smoke", can be so inconsiderate. If those people don't like the smoke, then simply stay inside. It's only 2 days out of 365 that they really have to worry about this.</p> <p>TL:DR</p> <p>The ban is stupid. Get rid of it.</p>
Alex crowell	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	This a ritual that is part of our culture. We should be allowed to follow a tradition that has gone on for hundreds of years.
landen tsuda	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	<p>the firework ban should be lifted. every year i look forward to that one day out of the year in which i can pop fireworks with all those that i love and cherish. sure fireworks are fun, exciting, and create a spectacular show but the meaning goes much deeper then that. they create a bond between many and represent the one single glowing light that all around share, the bond between family and friends. for years many have all gathered together on new years eve to take splendor in the wonderful creation called fireworks and each year families together pop and take part in this joy. once people are all stuffed with the wonderful food those have brought to the party migrate outside to take part in the festivities and bond with one another as each one share their stories of playing fireworks and strengthen that bond they share. taking fireworks away from those of the state of hawaii you are taking that bond in which people look forward to every year that single object that signifies the new year for all.</p>
alex pfeiffer	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	grew up playing with fireworks and want my kids to have the same excitement.

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William S D Newman	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	Alohas All, I don't need a Swollen Headed Damn City Council telling me how to live my life, and continuously infringe on my rights granted to me by the Constitution. Secondly lets cut their Salaries back down to Expenses Only... After all it is supposed to be a job to service the people, Not make professional politicians out of them..
Judy Graham	Puyallup, WA	2011-12-29	Outlaw bycycles, skateboards they cause a lot more accidents than fwks.
Moana Scholtz	Waimanslo, HI	2011-12-29	This is tradition that happens once a year, to ring in the new..there should be no need to explain why we signing this petition, any one who is born and raised here knows the meaning of popping fireworks including most of the people that put the ban into effect....yes it may cause smoke and unfortunately occasional accidents but so does driving a car, i dont see the gov trying to ban driving...This is the governments way of quieting the "NOISEMAKER" grumblers so they dont have to deal with them. Bring back our tradition!!!!
Paulette Olmos	Kaneohe, HI	2011-12-29	The states ban interferes with a strong cultural tradition that is unique to our state. This ban greatly saddens me that my children will no longer have these memories. I work in the Imaging department of a local hospital and am acutely aware of the health risks associated with New Years Eve. This is just on night a year, one night that means so much to thousands of family throughtout Oahu.
D C	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	At a time when the state and city are constantly complaining about reduced tax revenues they could double or triple the tax on fireworks. We pay more but at least we get to enjoy our day and they get to enjoy their money too.
Andrew Basuel	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	WOW I'm shock!!! I grew up New Year celebration with fireworks.....KIDS can't even get SPARKLERS!!! WTH!!! Bahumbug.... !!! Paperless is less debris!!! Kiddie stuffs such as fountain, bloomers ect....!!! What's goin on in this ISLAND!!! SHOCKING!!
walter rhoads	Kapolei, HI	2011-12-29	I like to see sparklers and paperless fireworks
Rowena Estores	Waialua, HI	2011-12-29	Fireworks on New Years Eve is a tradition that people in Hawaii grew up with. Our children should be able to carry on this tradition that is purely Hawaii.
Deb Tompkins	Mililani, HI	2011-12-29	This is TOTALLY what makes Hawaii unique. We have enjoyed fireworks for years and I'd like nothing more than to bring it back. Auwe to the "banners".....
Ryan Zane	Kapolei, HI	2011-12-29	The ban was ridiculous. Fireworks has always been a tradition growing up and the ban is like taking away our culture and identity.
Bridgette Kahanaoi	Waianae, HI	2011-12-29	Fireworks have been a tradition and a staple of the hawaiian culture for several decades. I cannot imagine celebrating New Years without them. I understand that they need to be safe, but that should be regulated by the state. They are a staple of the culture and scare away the bad spirits for the new year so we need them back. It is also a good opportunity for the state to tax and get revenue for something Hawaiians love- fireworks. They are no more dangerous than driving a car, or smoking ciggarettes yet these are not banned they are heavily taxed. Please give local people back their culture, their holiday.
Karen Nishigata	Aiea, HI	2011-12-29	It
rey brian domingcil	honolulu, HI	2011-12-29	I LOVE FIREWORKS
Alicia D	Torrance, CA	2011-12-29	Not only are half the fireworks out there harmless, but a fireworks stand is also a good way for organizations to fundraise.
Victor Tago	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-29	Tradition is lost
Scott Brooks	Waianae, HI	2011-12-29	they took away we people love to do and took away a tradition.

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Kauhikoa Kalamau	Kapolei, HI	2011-12-29	It seems the Christmas Spirits been fading. The fireworks ban is taking from New Years. The future generation will NEVER know of the true spirit of anything if we keep this up! how much more do you need?
Ryan Andres	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-30	The reasons for the ban was not justified enough, in my opinoin. Places like Arizona, where the risks are higher with drier climate allow fireworks!
Geoffrey Tedios	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-30	As tradition, we've always lit fireworks with our families every New Year's eve. Not all of us has the convenience of driving to the Fireworks Shows, especially when it is quite packed. So for us to enjoy it during New Year's has been a big tradition for many growing up here in the islands.
Faith Wisenberg	La Quinta, CA	2011-12-30	I was born and raised on Oahu, and didn't leave until I was 17. I enjoyed the use of consumer fireworks while I was there- it was a part of every New Year and Chinese New Year celebration, every Independence Day, and every other celebration in between that we could fit fireworks into. The new ban on all fireworks, even sparklers, makes absolutely no sense whatsoever, and was obviously hastily made, the entire issue not addressed properly. Yes, smoke in the air is a problem, especially with people, like my step-mom (who still lives on Oahu), who have asthma and other respiratory issues. But to take away one of the few outlets of celebration during times of hardship is a disgrace to the legacy of current leaders of Hawaii. People in Hawaii are demoralized by this lack of understanding and compassion, among countless other problems they have to deal with on a daily basis. And even though I no longer live there, I go to visit every now and then, and it kills me to see things are worse than before, when I left at 17.
mike kaupoe	pago pago, American Samoa	2011-12-30	because i'm from oahu, and i love to spend the holiday season there with family and friends, besides it's a tradition that i've done w/family and friends every new years.even the kids enjoy it.
Dawn Clemente	kaneohe, HI	2011-12-30	Consumer fireworks does not start fires if used with responsibility. Stop the MASS Punishment!
Manny Balidio	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-30	I think the real reason that any fireworks requires licensing is that the City & County of Honolulu wants to make money with all of the budget cuts... Who gets the short end of the sticks... the kids...
George Montgomery	Waianae, HI	2011-12-30	I am signing due to the fact I grew up with this tradition and every generation should be allowed to do the same.
teresa rodrigues	waianae, HI	2011-12-30	BECAUSE ITS TRADITIONAL IN HAWAII!!!!
Anna-Michelle Freed	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-30	This is a tradition that I want to pass on to my kids, it's a unique tradition and experience here in Hawaii and it should stay.
KRISTEN UMEDA	KANEOHE, HI	2011-12-30	BECAUSE I'D LIKE MY 8 YR OLD DAUGHTER TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY NEW YEAR'S LIKE I USED TO. WE, THE RESPONSIBLE MAJORITY, SHOULD NOT BE PUNISHED FOR THE IRRESPONSIBLE FEW.
Skyler Shiroma	96797, HI	2011-12-30	Fireworks are only used on the fourth of July and New Years' Eve. 2 days out of the 365. It's ridiculous to ban them entirely. It's also tradition and it brings family together. We would be called "The Gathering Isle" for nothing.
Ryan Hori	Hilo, HI	2011-12-30	I would like Hawaii to be like it was back in the good days, when aerals were legal. I doubt that having this ban will stop the black market sales.
Rynne Castillo	ewa beach, HI	2011-12-30	i grew up with it as a kid, i want my kids to grow up with it too. why take something away that makes people smile? plus it still brings in money to hawaii.
Kelley Sage	Kaneohe, HI	2011-12-30	Safe fireworks, two nights per year should be acceptable.

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Nathan Gomes	Ewa Beach, HI	2011-12-31	I've grown up playing with fireworks and would like my children to have the same enjoyment that I had growing up in Hawaii.
Stacie Koga	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-31	This is part of our culture, it is meant for celebration, and has been a long time tradition here in the islands for family and friends to come together to welcome in the new year.
L C	Kaneohe, HI	2011-12-31	Major Hawaii tradition! Locals come home just to celebrate with family at this special time!
K C	Kaneohe, HI	2011-12-31	IT'S TRADITION!!!
Fae Yamaguchi	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	New Year's eve is a special time, the ONLY time when the island comes together AS ONE, especially at midnight. With the problems we all have with the economy, I can't believe that this tradition has been taken away from us. It's just one night out of the whole year -- a few hours...
Momi Hai	WAILUKU, HI	2011-12-31	This is Hawaii for goodness sake. This is our cultural. For those of you who don't like fireworks burnt once or twice a year, go back to where you came from. Or stay in doors the day before or after fireworks are done. And for the fire and police department, consider it job security. Hell, my daughter lives in Houston, Texas and they go off with fireworks there. Hawaii is such a beautiful place to live, please stop trying to change the culture. And our leaders need to stand up and speak with the majority of us not the minority. Why do we let the minority tell us what we should and should not do here in the Hawaii over and over. Lift the ban consumer fireworks on Oahu.
Keli Aspiras	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	Because I strongly believe that fireworks are one of the strongest impacts on American culture and lifestyle.
Risel Joy Escalante	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	New Years Eve was my favourite day ever, and it's ruined because of this ban.
Ryan Mendoza	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-31	It does not feel the same anymore. Doesn't give the community and the state the spirit of new year. The ban totally took away the tradition of the state.
arxie delacruz	Waipahu, HI	2011-12-31	to bring back the tradition of new years eve
Benjamin Lebehn	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	Fireworks here in Hawaii is a longstanding tradition, it's the culture. Taking away the culture of people here, when there are more important issues here? Outrageous.
Paul Sheldon	Honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	People need some kind of physical excitement for New Years Eve. I suspect that if you take away the fireworks, a lot more people, including minors, are going to turn to alcohol to celebrate as an alternative, as well as other forms of dangerous activities.
Dean Leong	Mililani, HI	2011-12-31	Even if the smoke causes pollution to the environment, you don't see fireworks that often. You either see them at shows or concerts, on New Years Eve/Day, or the 4th of July. I say that banning fireworks was not necessary at all.
Ashley Tahilan	San Francisco, CA	2011-12-31	I'm originally from Hawaii, and when I came back for vacation, I came for the fireworks! Then I learned that there was a huge ban on them fro New Years Eve. It has always been a tradition, please bring it back.
jimvhoy tanacio	waipahu, HI	2011-12-31	Taking away hawaii's tradition
Leo Wu	honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	To bring back the family fun so children can remember how fun is New Years Eve
jeddie cabasag	honolulu, HI	2011-12-31	Because every kid wants there new year to be perfect with the end of the fireworks and noises and the beginning of happiness.
Linda Katagiri	Kailua, HI	2011-12-31	I am signing because I support removing the ban on fireworks!! It has been mine and my families culture for over 60 years!!

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Michelle Hermosura	waipahu, HI, HI	2011-12-31	Fireworks bring excitement to New Years Day. The last thing we need is to have them taken away from us and leave Hawaii's sky quiet and dark. We're slowly loosing spirit. Bring back the fireworks.
roland tugade	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-01	this is custom and tradition. we NEED this. it's only twice a year fireworks are sold to the genereal public of hawaii. what harm is done? health concerns? we have vog rolling in from the big island all the time. fireworks here isn't a luxury for us, it's what brings ohana together for memories that are never to be forgotten. some of my best childhood memories were the bonding my parents and i shared with fireworks. please don't take away opportunity and memories from the keikis. thanks.
Christian Bracerros	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	It's culture here in hawaii.
Joseph Dingal	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	Tradition, state needs money, its a good time to have fun.
Clyde Diza	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	Because popping fireworks are a tradition, and i hate the fact that they ruined it.
joel tomas	waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	Family tradition. Grathering of my families
Erica Basconcillo	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	im singing this so it will bring fun to my family and it is a tradition
mheriel cazar	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	because it destroys my moral for a new year
Keith Kozai	Aiea, HI	2012-01-01	Fireworks are a part of life and having them in our childrens futures is a great thing to have.
jeremy escasa	kapolei, HI	2012-01-01	i've played with fireworks as a kid, and have always enjoyed it as a pastime with family and close friends. the ban should be lifted, and a smoke free area designated for those complaining of the smoke due to health problems.
Rikki Peralta	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	To bring back the tradition !
Brandon Yagin	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-01	To unban firework
jayson bali	waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	Without the joy of little things such as fireworks we the youth have not much left to look forward to, to start the new year and normally of the two days out of the whole 365 days that we have is gone there is little no fun in the holiday spirit. Everyone is all very down when there is no excitement anymore. Without the New Years tradition of things such as fireworks on our island of Oahu .. Its like we had a part of us stripped from us.
julius baltazar	n. las vegas, NV	2012-01-01	i would love to RING IN the new year with family and friends in da 808 state!
tommy pathammavong	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-01	! LOVE FIREWORKS IT'S NOT THE SAME WITHOUT IT
Amanda Fotty	Devon, Canada	2012-01-01	Vacationing in Oahu right now and no one is obeying the ban anyway. Don't ruin the fun.
Lan Nguyen	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-01	because this law ruins tradition and causes more unknown illegal things.
Jordan Pascual	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	Teens will be encouraged to go out and get drunk since they have nothing else to do on new years eve. Do you you really want that shit? You think about that for a minute.
Arvin Niro	Kapolei, HI	2012-01-01	To lift the ban on consumer fireworks
Jeremy Bonilla	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	Completely useless ban. The attempt to rid of fireworks completely fails. Illegal aerials, the real danger of fireworks, have not changed at all. It still sounds like a war zone. The ones who pose the biggest threat are not affected by the ban in anyway, instead they are out enjoying their fireworks. Meanwhile the majority is stripped of its fireworks, the memories they bring to our families, and the tradition of fireworks every New Year. Fireworks are banned by the few who complain. And missed by the thousands more who loved them.
Tawnie Lai	Mililani, HI	2012-01-01	For some family's this is a tradition in the sense of spiritual belief QED THE FIRST AMENDMENT

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Michelle Kendall	Kaneohe, HI	2012-01-01	<p>If you ban fireworks, more people are going to go for illegals. Also, fireworks are big business in Hawaii, and you are robbing local businesses of revenue. People are going to buy and do them anyway. Also, there are deeply rooted cultural and traditional beliefs and practices that are associated with bringing in the New Year with fireworks. And for the 4th of July, fireworks are a long time tradition and creates pride in our country. And again- people are going to buy them anyway, you might as well allow legitimate retailers to profit from them rather than the illegal market.</p>
Aina Aipa	Mililani Town, HI	2012-01-01	<p>It just wasn't the same this Year!</p> <p>The Spirit was not there... as it should be!</p>
Joann Dumlao	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-01	<p>It is our tradition and it should be kept that way. At least bring back the sparklers. What happened to our freedom. If they take away the fireworks for New Years they might as well not get Holiday pay for New Years.</p>
Keith Tarumoto	Kaneohe, HI	2012-01-01	<p>I have lived here all my life and I cannot begin to convey my negativity towards the politicians that robbed us of our freedom to celebrate the New Years eve traditionally. It's been our family's tradition to gather and enjoy playing fireworks together with our kids. To experience the lack of zest in 2011 was not only boring but very, very sad.</p> <p>I've had asthma all my life and learned to tolerate this once a year. The Kapunas that had ailments tolerated them as well. Rethink what you have done as our representatives because I sure won't forget the next election.</p>
Lori Saxman	honolulu, HI	2012-01-01	<p>Its unique to our islands and it should stay that way...I felt out of place this year .So sad</p>
Wendy Sunderman	Kaneohe, HI	2012-01-01	<p>Since my family moved to Oahu 7 years ago New Years Eve has been awesome. It is the one time of year when all the neighbors come together to celebrate the New Year with fireworks, hugs and well wishes for the coming year. How sad that that celebration should be taken from us.</p>
Cathy Rose	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-01	<p>This has been a tradition in my family, since I was a little girl. It's also culturally necessary to ward away the evil spirits, according to my grandmother. My grand children will not even understand, and another tradition dies.</p>
J b	waianae, HI	2012-01-01	<p>Well first of all growing up you look forward to opening presents on Christmas. And also popping the simple fireworks on new years. I love to have the colorful morning glories and sparklers as a kid. Now that I am an adult and have a child on my own I was disappointed because my daughter loves the pops until she seen the adults lighting the firecrackers. She got bored of the pops.... They need to at least include morning glories for these young kids. As you can see the ban didn't really work because there were lots of people lighting illegal fireworks. They need to make a compromise.</p>
Stephanie Hyatt	Kaaawa, HI	2012-01-01	<p>Fireworks have been a long tradition here in Hawaii. Being from an asian background, fireworks are used to ward off evil spirits. This year, we had no fireworks to ward off those evil spirits. People need to understand that fireworks are a part of our culture, not just something to do. Taking away fireworks are like taking the turkey and santa away from Thanksgiving and Christmas.</p> <p>I want my children and all generations to follow, to be able to experience the beauty and excitement that fireworks brings into ending the year.</p>

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Eunice Kunimitsu	Kailua, HI	2012-01-01	Because it is a tradition that we grew up with. I am not well. I have difficulty breathing with all that smoke. But, I take the necessary precautions and still enjoy the fireworks. It is not New Year in Hawaii without the fireworks. If certain individuals don't like fireworks, then move to a State that has it banned. DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR TRADITIONS.
Ryan Haumea	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-02	Bring back our tradition that was meant to be celebrated with our young ones and families
Gabriel Mlyashiro	Kanohe, HI	2012-01-02	We need this tradition back. Its just not the same. Who ever created this law has to think again about banning fireworks.
Ku'u lei Zoller	Wahiawa, HI	2012-01-02	we are going to have more drunk people coming from parties in town on the road! all my friends went out, at least when with family you can sleep over! plus ITS TRADITION
Jason Antolin	Honolulu, HI	2012-01-02	Education is key to safety—look at buzzed driving, I think that will be an effective message plus zero tolerance for reckless behavior. Apply the same to fireworks usage. Aerials should be permit only (double cost of firecrackers permit with a hard limit) so that the state can benefit from those sales which have been underground for the past 15 years
Wayson Haberman	HONOLULU, HI	2012-01-02	another idea is to add a extra tax to fireworks
Jonathan Afaga	Waipahu, HI	2012-01-02	With the fireworks ban in effect, my neighborhood was even smokier than usual last night in retaliation. Keeping this law will push for the cultivation of an underground market for illegal fireworks, which will weaken our economy and dampen local traditions.
Chris R	Nanakuli, HI	2012-01-02	Thank you to all who are trying to bring back our tradition! It's just ONE NIGHT A YEAR! Come on government! Do good for ALL of your people.
Jina A	Aiea, HI	2012-01-03	The local people deserves to be heard. This is decision is so one sided. No equality here. I smell communism in the air & it stinks. Do not allow the government to take control of yet another. Let your voice be heard on this matter!
Ted Calvero	Ewa Beach, HI	2012-01-03	Fireworks are deep rooted hawaiian tradition. Do not take it away from our kids!
Dorene Brooks	waianae, HI	2012-01-03	because popping fireworks to keep the spirits away is part of the Japanese culture heritage which I am proud to be a Japanese-American
Cory Brummel	Mililani, HI	2012-01-04	Please don't take away a kid's right to let off SPARKLERS on new years. Seems like the ban didn't make much of a difference anyway!
Kanoilani Sardinha	Tracy, CA	2012-01-04	Born and raised in Hawaii since 1973 and it's a welcome to ring in the New Year through fireworks. It's also a part of my Chinese heritage. As I live in California (but family still in Hawaii) I know what it's like to ring in the New Year in silence. Oahu has an originality when it comes to ringing in the New Year, this not only aids in Hawaii economics as Fireworks do bring in income, but tourists go to the island to ring in the New Year. As the saying goes, guns don't kill people, people kill people. There will be idiots that will do idiotic things, but that shouldn't bring down an entire culture tradition that Hawaii has been known for.
Soma Isao	Saitama, Japan	2012-01-05	I'm a leader of Japanese fireworks event NPO. I believe fireworks make people more happy. And also, I hope people who launch fireworks enjoy fireworks safely and cleanly.
James Phee	Kaneohe, HI	2012-01-15	Fireworks have been a tradition for us my entire life, and should be for all future generations as well.

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Paul Gerona	wahiawa, HI	2012-01-25	It's a tradition and also part of people's heritage.
Denise Medeiros	Waianae, HI	2012-04-02	It is sad that others would ruin it for us all. I was raised looking forward to New Year's Eve. My parents instilled in me & my siblings the responsibility & precautions we must take when we burned fireworks. I also taught my children the same things. None of us has had an emergency, or close calls. Please don't ruin it for the rest of us who do follow the rules.
Clemencio Rarogal	Honolulu, HI	2012-05-01	i am signing because popping fireworks here on Oahu is like a tradition for a lot of people and I'm disappointed because of the making of this new law. Taking away fireworks is like taking the night of New Years Eve away from us. It's only once a year we get to light up fireworks. So why take it away?